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Historical Happenings

Notes on Cultural Resource Management in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Historical Happenings provides information on the USFWS Cultural Resources Management program. Information comes from sources such as the Regional Historic Preservation Officers, websites, new sources, as well as other cultural resource management professionals.

Issues are also available on the USFWS Cultural Resources website <http://historicpreservation.fws.gov>. Submissions are encouraged and can be made via email. Please contact Eugene Marino at Eugene_Marino@fws.gov for submission guidelines.

FWS Regional News:

Washington Office—Rick Kanaski and I recently met our ACHP liaison Nancy Brown at St. Mark's NWR for a meeting about the FWS cultural resources program. It was a very good meeting and a great opportunity to get Nancy out to a Refuge to let her see first hand the kinds of challenges we face. I encourage more meetings like this at other Regions as well.

The FWS Preserve America grants program was mentioned in the most recent Preserve America electronic newsletter. Check it out here:
<http://preserveamerica.createsend.com/viewEmail.aspx?cID=9A645ECE366E613E&sID=59F6F44BDEEB2530&dID=5CB9CB5A1CE688CE>

Region 2—An interesting article focusing on cultural resources compliance with FWS grant programs is available here:
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_if_w7000_1405_03_08.pdf

Other Agency News

DOI—On Thursday, April 24th, Department of Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne and National Park Service Director Mary A. Bomar joined Members of Congress, including House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD), on the West Steps of the Capitol to announce the first round of National Park Centennial Projects. Unfortunately, no speakers referred directly to historic preservation. The National Trust is pleased the following projects were included in the first round:

- Great Smoky Mountains National Park (TN and NC) - A project to restore, preserve and interpret the Elkmont Historic District.
- Boston National Historical Park (MA) - A project to restore and rehabilitate the Old State House.
- Petrified Forest National Park (AZ) - A project to inventory cultural resources throughout the park for visitor enjoyment.
- Mesa Verde National Park (CO) - For an archeological demographic study of the Mesa Verde Village.
- Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site (CO) - A project to create "Trading Territory" Interpretive Trail.

FASAB—The updated Heritage Asset and Stewardship Land guidance is available at:
http://www.fasab.gov/pdf/files/hasltr9_final22008.pdf

National NAGPRA—May 15-16, 2008: Review Committee Meeting coming to De Pere, WI.

NEW Grants Coordinator

Sangita Chari has joined the National NAGPRA Program as the grants coordinator. She received her MA in Anthropology from the University of Florida. Ms. Chari brings extensive grants experience and prior knowledge of NAGPRA. Most recently, she worked at the National Building Museum where she managed over \$1 million in grants. Prior to that she worked as a grants administrator for the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta and Atlanta Women's Foundation. She has also served as a reviewer for the Corporation for National Service, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Department of Health and Human

Services. You can contact her at (202) 354-2203 or **NAGPRA_Grants@nps.gov**

ACHP— The ACHP is very proud to announce the availability of an online training course for federal employees called, “Working Effectively with Tribal Governments.” For a limited time, it will be available to the public free of charge.

For more information about this training, go to www.achp.gov. You can also access the training through the ACHP website.

Legislative News

H.R 5608 Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments Act was introduced into the House on March 13, 2008. Wording in the bill may affect communication with Tribal Governments on a range of issues.

Testimony is being heard this week for HR 3891, legislation to make permanent the Save America's Treasures and Preserve America grants programs.

The House passed a bill (HR 1616) to make permanent the National Landscape Conservation System by a vote of 278-140 on April 9th bringing the Conservation System one step closer to securing a permanent place under the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) public lands stewardship programs and budget. The National Trust and the Conservation Alliance have been made the permanence campaign for the 26-million acre Conservation System a top priority for over one year in the effort to the area's unique natural and cultural resources.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) this week indicated that the House would conduct business as usual regarding the consideration of earmarks in the House despite continuing pressure from the House GOP to impose a year-long moratorium on such spending. In addition, lawmakers' appetites for earmarks appeared unabated last month as the House Appropriations Committee extended its deadline for earmark requests to March 24 after a flood of requests arrived on the original March 19 deadline. This bodes well for heavily earmarked historic preservation programs — such as Save America's Treasures

(SAT) and the Enhancements Program under the Department of Transportation — which were potentially threatened by the proposed moratorium.

Training, Upcoming Events, Education, and Volunteers and Friends News

Save America's Treasures matching grants are awarded for preservation and/or conservation work on nationally significant intellectual and cultural artifacts and historic structures and sites. Eligible applicants include Federal (including NPS), state, local, and tribal government entities, and nonprofit organizations. Applications are due 20 May 2008. Application guidelines are available at:

www.nps.gov/history/hps/treasures/application.html

There are a number of activities at the Cathlapotle plankhouse planned for May and beyond. For information on these events take a look at www.plankhouse.org

DOI—will offer a Managing Museum Collections Course in Albuquerque, NM June 23-27. For more information contact Brian Biegler at 202-208-4698

FWS—will have its 2008 cultural resources training course in Region 8. The class will be offered the week of September 8th in Las Vegas, NV. Sign up for the class through **DOILearn**

Partnership for the National Trails System
Preserving the Historic Road; Albuquerque, New Mexico; September 11-14, 2008. <http://historicroads.org>

National Trust for Historic Preservation
Tulsa, Oklahoma
October 21-25, 2008

Requests for Information